FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Post Office Cash Certificates.

READ—

Letter No. Sl. 4185, dated the 19th June 1926, from the Comptroller, soliciting orders as to whether Post Office Cash Certificates may be accepted as securities when they are offered and deposited with a Government Officer in the same manner as promissory notes and debentures.

ORDER NO. FL. 381-440—G. F. 259-25-2, DATED 23RD JULY 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that Post Office Cash Certificates may be accepted as securities at cash payment value at the time of deposit.

2. Necessary amendments to the Account Codes may be issued incorporating this provision.

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Financial Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Execution of Works.

READ—

Letter No. C. 681, dated the 29th June 1926, from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, submitting proposals for bringing all original and repair works now being carried out by separate departments under the single control of the Public Works Department.

ORDER NO. P. W. 262-72, DATED 24TH JULY 1926.

A technical staff, as detailed in the margin, has now been employed under the Inspector-General of Education for the execution of certain works relating to that department. Of this establishment, one Overseer and two Sub-Overseers belong to the permanent cadre of the Education Department, the Engineering Assistant is a lent officer from the Public Works Department, and the remaining staff is temporary.

		Rs.
1	Engineering Assistant	170+35
2	Draftsmen	2 (35)
2	Clerks	35, 25
2	Peons	11, 10
2	Overseers	2 (100-10-150)+30
2	Draftsmen	2 (30)
2	Clerks	2 (25)
2	Sub-Overseers	2 (45+15)
4	Sub-Overseers	4 (40+25)
8	Peons	8 (10)

Similarly, for the execution of works relating to the Military Department, two Sub-Overseers have now been employed in that department. The Engineering staff of the Agricultural Department consists of one Agricultural Engineer and one Draftsman. As regards the Police Department, no special Engineering staff has been employed.

2. Government consider that the existing arrangement under which separate staffs are entertained for the execution of works by the several departments as stated above is not satisfactory and that the entrusting of these works to the Public Works Department will be conducive to greater efficiency and economy.

3. They are accordingly pleased to direct that the execution of all works, original as well as repairs, now being done under the supervision of the respective departments, *viz.*, Educational, Military and Police, be taken over by the Public Works Department.

4. As regards the staff, Government, in view of the fact that the transfer of the execution of the several works of the Education Department to the Public Works Department would throw a heavy amount of work on the latter department, direct that one Sub-Engineer, one Overseer and two Draftsmen now employed in the Education Department be transferred to the Public Works Department and the services of the remaining staff be dispensed with, effecting a savings of Rs. 9,292 per annum. Similarly, the services of the two subordinates employed in the Military Department

should likewise be dispensed with in that department and the question of absorbing them in the Public Works Department may be considered on its own merits.

5. As regards the Agricultural Department, Government consider that the nature of work turned out is peculiar to that department. The Agricultural Engineer is also a part-time teacher in the Hebbal Agricultural School. They are therefore pleased to direct that the Engineering establishment attached to this department may be allowed to continue in that department.

6. The Chief Engineer is requested to take necessary action for taking over charge of all the works now being attended to by the Education, the Police and the Military Departments in consultation with the Heads of Departments, after settling all claims of contractors up to the date of transfer of works.

7. The Inspector-General of Education is requested to furnish to the Chief Engineer a complete list of educational buildings in the State, Taluk and Districtwar, hitherto under charge of that department, and a statement giving detailed information *re* amounts sanctioned, outlay incurred so far and the balance to be spent, etc., in respect of all works in progress. Necessary steps may also be taken to transfer the grants for such works and place them at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

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Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.